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Pasadena/Glendale Public Libraries are First in Nation with Downloadable Classical Music

Pasadena/Glendale (CA) Digital Library recently became the first public library in the nation to provide high-quality digital classical music titles for download alongside best-selling eBooks and audiobooks.

The Pasadena/Glendale Digital Library was developed for the libraries by Digital Library Reserve and book and music content is licensed through OverDrive, Inc. The service offers immediate download access to audiobooks, eBooks, and classical recordings from the Naxos Music Library including Vivaldi, Tchaikovsky, Verdi, Puccini, Mozart, Haydn, Gershwin, and Beethoven.

Claudia Weissman, Director of Business Services for OverDrive said, "The portable digital formats for eBooks, audio books, and digital music offer countless advantages for readers, business travelers, and students. Users find the fact that there is no need to return items extremely convenient; when the loan period is over the file expires and the materials are automatically checked back in."

www.dlrrinc.com

<http://pas-gdl.lib.overdrive.com>

New DVD Introduces Kids to Justice System

Kids Go to Court is a new educational DVD that combines live action and animation to teach kids about the justice system and demonstrates the court procedure through a mock trial. Students will learn how societal disputes result in a trial, the role of lawyers, judges, bailiffs, the jury and witnesses. After viewing the program, students will have a better understanding of the role of the court system in society and the importance of trials. *Kids Go to Court* comes complete with Teachers Guide.

www.tmwmedia.com

Syndetic Solutions Introduces New Content Options for Enhancing Libraries' Online Catalogs

Syndetic Solutions, a subsidiary of R.R. Bowker and

provider of enriched content for a library's online catalog, has added a series of new data sources for enriching a library's online catalog.

Enrichment options include cover images, summaries, fiction profiles, biography profiles, author notes, first chapters, excerpts, tables of contents, and book reviews.

All of the new data features from Syndetic Solutions can be previewed by visiting the company's totally redesigned and user-friendly Web site. The four new data sources now available to libraries include the following:

- Expanded book reviews
- Awards
- Fiction profiles (e.g., genre, major and ancillary topics, main characters, time periods, etc.).
- Book series information

www.syndetics.com

Standard Deviants New Product Line Covers Ten Core Curriculum Subjects

Standard Deviants, a leading producer of educational programming for the classroom, has combined the best of its programming into interactive systems that make teaching more effective than ever. Meeting today's stringent classroom standards, these easy to use teaching systems contain educational multimedia on DVD and VHS, class notes and handouts, quiz questions, a correlation to state standards, MARC records and an interactive CD-ROM.

Offering 91 different Standard Deviant School Teaching Systems in all, the content is designed to help target instruction in specific areas and age groups, from middle school through high school. These new teaching are available in the following core curriculum subjects:

- Algebra
- Biology
- Chemistry
- English Grammar
- Physics
- Basic Math
- Nutrition
- American Government

- Shakespeare
- Spanish

The Standard Deviants School Teaching Systems enable teachers and students to work at their own pace by simply pausing the program or reviewing difficult sections as needed. Each program is approximately 25 to 30 minutes long, leaving time for teacher and student participation. The class notes and quizzes also ensure each topic is mastered before proceeding to the next lesson.

www.standarddeviants.com

Glendale Public Library Increases Self-Service Options

Glendale (AZ) Public Library has implemented a suite of Web-based software modules that automate manual processes and reduce staff paperwork. Glendale is using a Web-based event calendar with online registration, a staff online room-booking program, and an automated event notification system, all from e.vanced solutions, inc. e.vanced solutions will provide a hosted implementation of E.vents, E.roomreserve, and E.notify, integrated with Glendale's existing Web site.

Glendale's challenges revolved around frustrating paperwork and the desire to make event registration a positive experience for patrons - and a no-brainer for staff. "All our branch libraries use a paper copy of room reservations that could be easily lost - and impossible to re-create. We need a system so staff can see what rooms are available at each of the Glendale libraries for program planning. With E.roomreserve, staff won't have to worry about misplacing the room reservation notebook," said Cheryl Kennedy, Adult Services Librarian. As for online registration, she said "The E.vents piece will cut down on the hours librarians spend listening to voice messages and registering people by hand for the events. The E.notify e-mail reminders will cut down on the time it takes to call everyone registered personally. We think this will really increase attendance."

www.e-vancedsolutions.com

SirsiDynix Launches Online Discovery Portal for Schools

SirsiDynix announced a collaborative effort with INFOhio, the Information Network for Ohio Schools, to create SirsiDynix School Rooms, a com-

prehensive and integrated multimedia online discovery portal for K-12 schools. Based on the SirsiDynix Rooms content management platform, School Rooms combines teacher-selected, standards-based content with student-friendly software to promote exploration and learning and to supplement any curriculum.

Content is accessed through virtual Rooms that help students discover information, provide educators and librarians with access to quality materials, and enable parents to find appropriate resources for improving their child's education. SirsiDynix and INFOhio worked together to identify credentialed educators and librarians, along with interested parents to select, design, test, and certify School Rooms content to meet national and state education standards.

www.sirsidydux.com

Three New Products for Integrating Electronic Resources

Innovative announced that Oregon State University will use *Innovative's WebBridge* to provide linkage from Google Scholar to electronic items and resources in its collection.

The university provides access to nearly 18,000 unique e-journal titles across 150 information packages. Using the WebBridge smart-linking tool, Oregon State University Library users already have the ability to link from most of the library's index and abstract databases to library holdings. In addition, WebBridge provides search-specific suggestions of related resources to patrons when searching the online catalog. The new Google Scholar integration means that citations presented to users of the search engine will include direct links to the library's resources.

www.iii.com

To provide the end user with a single interface for both EBSCOhost database searches and article-level searches within EBSCOhost Electronic Journals Service (EJS), *EBSCO* has created the *EJS E-Journals database*. EJS E-Journals is available to any EJS Enhanced customer who currently subscribes to at least one EBSCOhost database. EJS customers who meet these criteria will have EJS E-Journals automatically activated.

www.ebsco.com

Auto-Graphics, Inc. announced the availability of a **Web Service interface** to the complete family of AGen products. This Web-based enterprise application uses open, XML-based standards and transport protocols to facilitate the exchange of data between the company's AGen technology platform and other client applications, thus allowing for the presentation of information in a unified interface.

Web Services addresses the needs of thousands of libraries that have invested in a variety of vendor automation products but struggle to make them all "fit" in a seamless and integrated manner. With Auto-Graphics' Web Services, customers are now able to write an Application Programming Interface (API) to customize the user interface or "front end" according to their own preferences and specifications, while utilizing the AGen technology platform as their back-end infrastructure to "quarterback" the various library automation functions.

www.auto-graphics.com

Super Searchers Go to School

Sharing Online Strategies with K-12 Students, Teachers, and Librarians

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In this new book twelve prominent K-12 educators and educator librarians share their techniques and tips for helping students become effective, life-long information users. Through a series of interviews, Joyce Kasman Valenza (columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer and herself a tech-savvy high school librarian) gets the experts to reveal their field-tested strategies for working with student learners and educator peers. Readers will discover techniques for teaching search tool selection, evaluating result lists and Web sites, deciding when to use a professional database or the Invisible Web, and much more. This is a must-read for any teacher, librarian, or parent whose aim is to equip students with the skills and habits they will need to succeed in an information-driven society.

www.infotoday.com

Blackwell's Book Services Collection Manager to Feature 25,000+ Ebook Library Titles

Blackwell's Book Services announced the addition of over 25,000 titles from Ebook Library (EBL) to Collection Manager, their free Web-based acquisition and collection development system. Customers

will be able to order EBL ebooks in the same way as print books, using the familiar Request, Order, and Export features. Customers using EDI technology can also transmit electronic orders for ebooks directly to Blackwell's.

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